Regional Languages in VIIIth Schedule

† 3609. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had constituted a high powered Committee to consider the proposals for inclusion of various regional languages in the VIIIth Schedule to the Constitution; and

(b) if so, the details of recommendations made by the said Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT): (a) and (b) According to the information received from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government has decided that suitable criteria need to be evolved for the inclusion of any language in the VIIIth Schedule of the Constitution as no criteria have been laid down in the Constitution of India. Accordingly, the issue of evolving such criteria has been referred to the National Commission to Review the working of the Constitution.

Affiliation to Asia-Pacific Institute of it to Staffordshrine University

3610. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Asia Pacific Institute of Information Technology, Panipat has been affiliated to the Staffordshrine University of U.K.;

(b) if so, whether Government/UGC have accorded recognition to the B.E./B.Sc (Hons.) courses in Information Technology (Computer Science) organised by the said Institute; and

(c) if so, at which places the Institute has been running the courses, in addition to Panipat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT): (a) Asia Pacific Institute of Information Technology, Panipat is not approved by All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE). University Grant Commission (UGC) has no information with regard to affiliation of this Institute.

(b) and (c) Question does not arise.

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.